

1 1. A method comprising:
2 enabling communications between a first terminal
3 and selected second terminals;
4 enabling the storage of a modifiable list of
5 second terminals that the first terminal is able to
6 communicate with; and
7 enabling the ability to modify said list to be
8 restricted.

1 2. The method of claim 1 including communicating
2 between a first terminal and a base station and forwarding
3 communications from said first terminal to said base
4 station on to said second terminals.

1 3. The method of claim 1 including enabling
2 communications between a first terminal that is a handheld
3 unit and said base station using a wireless communication
4 protocol.

1 4. The method of claim 3 including communicating
2 between said base station and said second terminals at
3 least in part over the Internet.

1 5. The method of claim 4 including exchanging text
2 messages between said first terminal and selected second
3 terminals.

1 6. The method of claim 1 including communicating
2 between said first terminal and said selected second
3 terminals through a chat server.

1 7. The method of claim 6 including storing said
2 modifiable list of second terminals in said base station.

1 8. The method of claim 7 including blocking
2 communications, from said handheld unit, received by said
3 base station and preventing those communications from
4 proceeding to a second terminal not listed in said
5 modifiable list.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein enabling the
2 ability to modify said list to be restricted includes
3 enabling a requirement for a password to obtain access to
4 said list.

1 10. The method of claim 1 including requiring a
2 password to initiate an outgoing transmission from said
3 first terminal.

1 11. An article comprising a medium storing
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

3 enable communications between a first terminal
4 and selected second terminals;

5 enable the storage of a modifiable list of second
6 terminals that the first terminal is able to communicate
7 with; and

8 enable restrictions on the ability to modify said
9 list.

1 12. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 communicate with a first terminal and forward
4 communications from said first terminal to said second
5 terminal.

1 13. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable communications between a first
3 terminal that is a handheld unit using a wireless
4 communication protocol.

1 14. The article of claim 13 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 communicate with said second terminals at least in part
4 over the Internet.

1 15. The article of claim 14 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3 exchange text messages between a first terminal and
4 selected second terminals.

1 16. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 communicate between said first terminal and said selected
4 second terminals through a chat server.

1 17. The article of claim 16 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 store said modifiable list of second terminals.

1 18. The article of claim 17 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 block communications from said handheld unit and prevent
4 those communications from proceeding to a second terminal
5 not listed in said modifiable list.

1 19. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 enable a requirement for a password to obtain access to
4 said list.

1 20. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3 require a password to initiate an outgoing transmission
4 from said first terminal.

1 21. A system comprising:
2 a processor-based device; and
3 a storage coupled to said processor-based device
4 storing instructions that enable communications between a
5 first terminal and selected second terminals, enable the
6 storage of a modifiable list of second terminals that the
7 first terminal is able to communicate with and enable
8 restrictions on the ability to modify said list.

1 22. The system of claim 21 including a wireless
2 interface.

1 23. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable said device to communicate
3 with a first terminal and forward communications from said
4 first terminal to said second terminal.

1 24. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable communications between a
3 first terminal that is a handheld unit using a wireless
4 communication protocol.

1 25. The article of claim 24 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the processor-based device
3 to communicate with said second terminals at least in part
4 over the Internet.

1 26. The system of claim 25 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the processor-based system
3 to exchange text messages between a first terminal and
4 selected second terminals.

1 27. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the device to communicate
3 between said first terminal and selected second terminals
4 through a chat server.

1 28. The system of claim 27 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the device to store said
3 modifiable list of second terminals.

1 29. The system of claim 28 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the device to block
3 communications from said handheld unit and prevent those
4 communications from proceeding to a second terminal not
5 listed in said modifiable list.

1 30. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the device to require a
3 password to obtain access to said list.